

♥ And twinkle

DECEMBER.

IT COMES,
SAME FOR
EVERYONE.

IT'S THAT
TIME OF THE
YEAR.

YEAH.

I DON'T HAVE A
GIRLFRIEND OR PLANS
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
(WELL, I WORK ON
THAT DAY) AND IT STILL
COMES FOR ME.

HOW
CONSIDERATE.

THAT WILL
BE 500
YEN.



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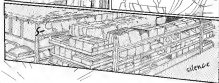












**SOMEBODY DO
SOMETHING!**



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I HAVE A
FEELING I'LL
BREAK DOWN
IF SHE DOESN'T
STOP CRYING.



...I'M
LISTENING.

Ruby
I COULD
FEEL SOMETHING.



BECAUSE
IT'S LIKE
I'M THE ONE
STALLING
HER.



WHY DO I
EVEN HAVE
TO JUSTIFY
MYSELF??



SO, LET
ME GET THIS
STRAIGHT,
SUZUKI.

AND YOU
TWO ONLY
GO OUT ON
DATES WHEN
HE FEELS
LIKE IT?

NO

AND HE
DOESN'T
CARE THAT
YOU DON'T
LIKE IT?

YES

THE GUY
YOU'RE
DATING IS
SEEING
OTHER
GIRLS?

YES...



ABOUT
ME

ACTUAL-
LY
I KNOW
HE DOESN'T
REALLY
CARE...

WHY DID
HE
END UP IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?

WELL...

CAN'T
SAY THAT

Part 2

YESH

OR
I SEE

YOU
KNOW??

Part 3



PROBABLY
DON'T
BOther HIM
AT ALL.

HE
THINKS
THEY
BOther
ME.

BUT...

MAyBE IT'S
MY OWN FAULT
HE DOESN'T

I DON'T
GET GIRLS.

I'VE THOUGHT
ABOUT IT LONG
AND HARD, AND
NOW MY HEAD'S
A MESS.

DRINK SOME
OVERBOARDING
AND I KNOW

SHE'S
GOT A KIND
OF QUIET
STRENGTH.

What
do you
mean?
Flashback

BUT...

And twinkle





DATE
PAGE
NO.

SUZUKI.

PLEASE TAKE
IT. WE HAVE
A QUOTE
FOR CARS

OH,
BUT—

OH,
YES.
TAKE
THIS.

I guess
the show
could survive
after all

OH
THANK YOU
WE WOULD
DEFINITELY
APPRECIATE
THAT

I'LL
STOP BY
AGAIN!

YOU'VE
ALREADY
DONE SO
MUCH
THANK
YOU



KIMOSHIMAI

SORRY FOR
HOLDING
YOU UP.

BYE.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH

FOR
LISTENING
TO ME.

HAVE
A GOOD
EVENING!

And twinkle



SHE STARTED
SHOWING UP AT
THE STORE EVERY
NOW AND THEN

I wish it
was better
the other
day, wasn't it?

Her name
was

Oh, no
you
weren't?

THE DAY
AFTER
THAT



SHE LEAVES
BEHIND A LITTLE
SOMETHING
FOR ME.



BYE.

WAS A
GOOD DAY

AND EVERY
TIME SHE
COMES

THANKS FOR
SHOPPING
WITH US.



SHE HAS A STRONG
SENSE OF LOCATION.

THAT'S
A HOME
DOG

EVEN THOUGH
CHRISTMAS IS
JUST AROUND
THE CORNER,

FOR ONCE IN
MY LIFE, I CAN
ACTUALLY LIVE
WITH THAT





OH.



HUM?



WHOA.



LAST
YEAR...



I DON'T
REMEMBER
JUST LOOKING
AT THE SIDE



WELL, IT
THE SAME
PROBABLY
APPLIES THIS
YEAR



OH.



And twinkle





"YOU
KNOW
HIM?"



OH.



A PACKET
OF SEVEN
STARS.*



SURE

DOPE



WEL-
COME



TO



SHE'S MY
GIRLFRIEND.
WHAT ABOUT
IT?

"...HE
DOESN'T"

ALL
DAY
LONG

FINE
SO I
AREN'T
KNOW
AGE..

RI-

MAN

I'M SO
STUPID.

KIMISHIMA!

BUT...

K!
H!
W!
H!
H!
H!

I GOT
SUSPENDED
TWO JOBS

FOR THE
SCENE I
CAUSED AT
THE STORE

I DIDN'T
GET
FIRED

APPAR-
ENTLY...

THEY HAD
AGREED TO
BREAK UP

THIS IS
WHY I HATE
CHRISTMAS.

I RAGED AT
A GUY WHO
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING
WRONG.
(AND I
GOT BEAT
UP FOR
IT.)

THE
MANAGER
IS STILL
SELLING
CAKES.

AND I
HAVEN'T
RECEIVED A
SINGLE YEN
OF MY
FRIECHK.



I WONDER
WHAT SHE

THANK YOU,
MANAGER.

WEL-
COME
BACK!

HI

GOOD
MORNING!

WHAT
SUZUKI IS
UP TO?

IT'S ALL
RIGHT.

OH,

SAMU

I'M SORRY
ABOUT THE
OTHER DAY.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

ARE YOU
SURE?

I SHOULD
STILL BE
WORKING
HERE?



IT JUST
ANOTHER
DAY

TO ME.

THERE
ARE CAKES
WAITING TO
BE SOLD.

GOOD LUCK
WITH THAT!



ALL
RIGHT.

JUST IF
I COULD
SEE HER
SMILE...



WELCOME
TO OUR
STORE!

OR
SOMETHING

THAT
COULD
BE MY
CHRISTMAS
PRESENT

IF THERE
ARE LEFT-
OVERS, I'LL
JUST BUY
THEM ALL.



ALL DAY

CHRISTMAS





Oh...



I-YEAH,

LONG TIME
NO SEE.



I

DROPPED
BY A FEW
TIMES.



HE
ALSO
TOLD
ME
WHO
YOU
WERE
FIGHTING



YOU WERE
SUSPENDED FOR
GETTING INTO
A FIGHT.



HUH?

YOUR
MAN-
AGER
SAID...



SUZUKI!

WHAT?

B-BUT-

SOME
CAKE.

WAVE

I...

SO,
UMMM...

THERE'S
MORE TO
SELL.

TH-

NEVER LIKED
THIS TIME OF
THE YEAR.

BUT...

L

I'VE ONLY
KNOWN
HER FOR A
SHORT TIME.

UM...

CHEERED
ME UP

THIS
YEAR, IT'S
DIFFERENT.

THAT
LITTLE
MOMENT...

BUT...

THAT'S
WHY...

UM...

WELL...



IT'S THAT
TIME OF
THE YEAR







*And
twinkle*

Yomoto
Shimako

*Delle, Li, & Clous
+
Arleea*

**DELISH
SCANS**